

Division one of survey.

Channel and Buffalo Bayou are hereby made available for said project: *Provided further*, That all of said sums of money not necessary for administration, surveys and maintenance be used in improving division one of said survey."

SEC. 2. That section twelve of the same Act be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the word "fourteen" after the word "section," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "eleven."

SEC. 3. That section twenty of the same Act be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the word "ten," after the word "sections," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "nine."

Approved, February 20, 1900.

February 24, 1900.

CHAP. 24.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to suspend the operation of certain provisions of law relating to the War Department, and for other purposes."

Army.
Suspension of certain provisions of law.
Vol. 30, p. 1350.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to suspend the operation of certain provisions of law relating to the War Department, and for other purposes,'" approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"That the operation of the following provisions of law be, and is hereby, continued suspended for such further time as, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, may be found necessary, or until otherwise provided by Congress, not longer, however, than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one:

"First. The provision of the first section of the Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and for other purposes,' in the following words:

"*Provided*, That hereafter no part of this appropriation shall be expended in the purchase for the Army of draft animals until the number on hand shall be reduced to five thousand, and thereafter shall only be expended for the purchase of a number sufficient to keep the supply up to five thousand."

"Second. The provisions of the first section of the Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and for other purposes,' in the following words:

"*Provided*, That hereafter no part of the appropriations for the Quartermaster's Department shall be expended on printing unless the same shall be done by contract, after due notice and competition, except in such cases as the emergency will not admit of the giving notice for competition: *Provided further*, That after advertisement, all the supplies for the use of the various departments and posts of the Army and of the branches of the army service shall hereafter be purchased where the same can be purchased the cheapest in the markets of the United States, quality and cost of transportation and the interest of the Government considered, except that purchases may be made in open market, in the manner common among business men, when the aggregate amount required does not exceed two hundred dollars, but every such purchase shall be immediately reported to the Secretary of War."

"And the words:

"*Provided*, That the number of horses purchased under this appropriation, added to the number on hand, shall not at any time exceed the number of enlisted men and Indian scouts in the mounted service, and that no part of this appropriation shall be paid out for horses not purchased by contract, after competition duly invited by the Quarter-

Provisos.
Limit of draft animals.
Vol. 25, p. 486.

Vol. 30, p. 323.

Quartermaster's Department.
—printing for, etc.

—purchases where cheapest, etc.

—purchase of horses: limit, etc.

master's Department and an inspection by such department, all under the direction and authority of the Secretary of War.'

"And the words:

"'Provided, That not more than one million dollars of the sums appropriated by this Act shall be paid out for the services of civilian employees in the Quartermaster's Department, including those heretofore paid out of the funds appropriated for regular supplies, incidental expenses, barracks and quarters, army transportation, clothing, camp and garrison equipage; that no employee paid therefrom shall receive a salary more than one hundred and fifty dollars per month unless the same be specially fixed by law.'

—civilian employees; limit.

"Third. So much of the Act approved March fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine,' under the heading 'Ordnance Department,' as provides that not more than sixty-five thousand dollars of the money appropriated for the Ordnance Department in all its branches shall be applied to the payment of civilian clerks in said department."

Ordnance Department. Civilian clerks; limit.

SEC. 2. That during the time the operation of the foregoing provisions of law shall remain so suspended pursuant to this Act, materials required by the War Department may, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, be purchased abroad and shall be admitted free of duty.

Admission free of duty of war materials.

SEC. 3. That during the same time the Bureau of Ordnance of the War Department is authorized to purchase, without advertisement, such ordnance and ordnance stores as are needed for immediate use; and when such ordnance and ordnance stores are to be manufactured, then to make contracts without advertisement for such stores, to be delivered as rapidly as manufactured.

Purchases without advertisement.

Approved, February 24, 1900.

CHAP. 25.—An Act For the relief of claimants having suits against the United States pending in the circuit and district courts of the United States affected by the Act of June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, amending the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

February 26, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no suit shall abate or be affected by the Act of June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act to amend sections one and two of the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven," which was pending in any circuit court of appeals, circuit or district court of the United States at the time of the passage of said Act; and all such suits which have been dismissed by reason of said Act shall be restored to their places in such courts and proceeded with as if the same had not been enacted; and time within which an appeal or writ of error may be taken or prosecuted in any case affected by this Act is hereby extended six months from the passage hereof.

Suits pending in United States courts by Government officers to recover fees for services unaffected by transfer of jurisdiction to Court of Claims, etc. Vol. 30, p. 495. Vol. 24, p. 505.

Approved, February 26, 1900.

CHAP. 26.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Grand Rapids Water Power and Boom Company, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to construct a dam and bridge across the Mississippi River," approved February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

February 27, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Grand Rapids Water Power and Boom Company, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to construct a dam and bridge across the Mississippi River," approved February twenty-

Time extended to Grand Rapids Water Power and Boom Company to dam, etc., Mississippi River at Grand Rapids, Minn.